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Hello Great People,

I applaud the work you are undertaking to protect our aquatic species, through a moratorium from fishing, in the form of reserves. I wish we had done that for the Sardine species, in Monterey, when the moment arrived. I remember reading that the Black Abalone was in danger, also.

I do find, though, that scientific groups can be rather opportunistic with these kinds of allocations. When I noticed that coastal floor mapping would be funded---I couldn't help but imagine what THAT would cost. The only reason I find this necessary, would be for boat and ship navigation, in the case of radar being prohibited in these areas. Other than that, this seems quite excessive; whereupon the same money might be used elsewhere, or conserved for future reserve funding.

I would like to see fisherman given some relief jobs, in lieu of their loss of territory or amount of catch. I always thought that more fish hatcheries could be developed, or some classroom workshop service where students learn from the fishing trade.

What my heart tells me, whenever I walk the beach at Leffingwell Landing in Cambria, is that some of the fresh seaweed or sea pickles (from bull kelp) should be encouraged to be harvested: to be boiled, dried, canned (even though it is a protected area), perhaps a bucket per person, per month. It seems a waste and a tragedy that people aren't taking advantage of these "gifts from the sea". Seaweed offers all the minerals one could ask for, iodine, too. It helps hair growth and regulates the Thyroid gland. I has been reported to have anti-viral properties. It has more protein per ounce than beef, and even takes gas out of a pot of beans. Well, what a food! And in the Finhorn Garden of Scotland, it was used as one source in their fertiizer mix.

Good Luck with the funding, and may the schools flourish!

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